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SUMMARY. DISCUSSIONS THIS WEEK WITH MINTRADE OFFICIALS HIGH-LIGHT PREOCCUPATION WITH EC MARKET ACCESS IN MTN CONTEXT. WHILE THIS MAY BE STIMULATED IN PART BY EARLY PROSPECT OF BANGKOK MEETING WITH SOAMES WE DO SENSE THAT HANDICAP THEIR EXPORTS FACE WITH RESPECT TO THOSE OF EC ASSOCIATED STATES AND ASSOCIABLES IS SEEN BY THEM AS ONE OF MAIN PROBLEMS TO BE FACED IN MTN. THEY EXPRESSED SOME ALARM ABOUT RUMORS SUGGESTING U.S. TRADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BILL PROSPECTS ARE SHAKY, AND CONCERN THAT PERSISTENT PROBLEMS

BETWEEN U.S. AND EC ABOUT PRIORITIES BETWEEN TRADE AND MONETARY MATTERS MIGHT CONTINUE TO PLAGUE MULTILATERAL TALKS. LISTS OF INDONESIAN PARTICIPANTS TOKYO AND BANGKOK MEETINGS HAVE BEEN FURNISHED AND ARE TRANSMITTED HEREIN. ACTION REQUESTED: IN RESPONSE INDONESIANS' QUERY, WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED HOW DEPARTMENT NOW ASSESSES TRADE BILL OUTLOOK. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESS COVERAGE OF ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN JAKARTA LAST WEEK WAS SHORT ON SPECIFICS AND LONG ON EXPRESSIONS OF ASEAN SOLIDARITY IN APPROACHING MULTILATERAL TALKS. PRESS ANNOUNCED THAT MINISTERS HAD DECIDED UPON "A COMMON STAND" TOWARD MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, AND HAD ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY SENIOR OFFICIALS IN KUALA LUMPUR. FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT ASEAN COULD SUPPORT THE WORK OF PREPCOM AND IN PARTICULAR THE DRAFT DECLARATION. CONCERNING SCHEDULED MEETING WITH EC'S COMMISSIONER SOAMES IN BANGKOK, ASEAN OBJECTIVE WAS DESCRIBED AS ENLISTING EC SUPPORT IN PRESSING FOR BENEFITS TO LDC'S IN MTN.

2. SOMEWHAT MORE SUBSTANTIVE REMARKS BY INDONESIAN TRADE MINISTER RADIUS PRAWIRO ON EVE OF MINISTERIAL MEETING, WHICH HE WAS TO CHAIR, WERE ALSO CITED IN PRESS. MINISTER SAID THAT DEFENSE OF MEMBER COUNTRIES' TRADITIONAL MARKETS SHOULD BE "MINIMUM GOAL" AT TOKYO. FURTHER GOAL WAS ASSURANCE OF MARKET ACCESS FOR EXPANDING INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS THROUGH GSP. MINISTER DECLARED THAT ASEAN SOUGHT TRADE RELATIONS WITH ALL THE MAJOR ECONOMIC BLOCS, ESCHEWING EXCLUSIVE TIES WITH ANY OF THEM.

3. DISCUSSIONS INDICATE INDONESIANS (AND PRESUMABLY OTHER ASEAN OFFICIALS) ARE MORE PREOCCUPIED WITH HANDICAP THEY SUFFER IN EC MARKET VIS A VIS ASSOCIATED STATES AND ASSOCIABLES THAN PUBLIC STATEMENTS HAVE SPECIFICALLY DISCLOSED. THEY EXPRESSED REGRET THAT EC COMMISSION REPORT MAKES NO COMMITMENT TO PRINCIPLE OF NONRECIPROCITY AND DOES CONTAIN COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARD PRIVILEGES OF ASSOCIATED STATES.

4. INFORMANTS DESCRIBED ASEAN HOPES FOR MEETING WITH SOAMES AS BEING PRICIPALLY AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. THEY DO NOT PLAN TO PRESS SPECIFIC DEMANDS; THESE, LIKE LIST OF PRODUCTS FOR WHICH IMPROVED EC MARKET ACCESS SOUGHT ARE BEING PRESENTED OR HAVE BEEN PRESENTED SEPARATELY. THEY WILL URGE THAT EC RECOGNIZE SOUTHEAST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASIA AS AN AREA WITH A SPECIAL PERSONALITY, AND ASEAN AS A GROUPING THAT CAN IN A SENSE BRIDGE GAPS AMONG THE JAPANESE, EC, AND ASIAN BLOCS. THIS ARGUMENT IS INTENDED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT EC SHOULD SHADE ITS HISTORICAL PREOCCUPATION WITH AFRICA IN NEW RECOGNITION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN INTERESTS.

5. OUR CONTACTS TOOK OCCASION MTN DISCUSSION TO EXPRESS THEIR OWN FEARS THAT U.S. ADMINISTRATION WILL ENTER NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT

CLEAR MADATE THAT TRADE BILL WAS TO PROVIDE. THEY SAID ASEAN PARTNERS AS WELL AS INDONESIANS HAD BEEN ALARMED BY RUMORS THAT BILL MIGHT STILL FACE ROUGH SLEDDING IN CONGRESS. THEY SAID DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD BEEN TOLD "FOR TOO LONG" TO POSTPONE THEIR TRADE POLICY DEMANDS FOR DISCUSSION IN MTN CONTEXT--NOW EC (ESPECIALLY FRENCH) DEMANDS THAT MONETARY REFORM MUST GO FIRST, AND U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S HANDICAP IN ENTERING NEGOTIATIONS UNCERTAIN OF LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT LED THEM TO WONDER WHETHER THEY HAD BEEN MISLED. WE HAVE GIVEN WHAT COMFORT IS AFFORDED BY RECOLLECTION THAT PREVIOUS TRADE NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED WITHOUT SUCH AUTHORITY, AND BY EBERLE STATEMENT DATED AUGUST 24 (USIS WIRELESS FILE EPF 47). HOWEVER, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN FURNISH ON TRADE BILL PROSPECTS AND HOW THEY MAY AFFECT CONDUCT OF NEGOTIATIONS.

6. INDONESIA WILL BE REPRESENTED AT TOKYO MEETINGS BY TRADE MINISTER RADIUS PRAWIRO; DRS. MOHD. SISMAN, SENIOR OFFICER ATTACHED TO THE MINSISTER; DIRECTO GENERAL OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DR. SUHADI; BANK OF INDONESIAN BUDGET DIRECTOR ARIFIN SIREGAR; A MEMBER OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ASEAN NATIONAL SECRETARIAT; HAMANONGAN SIREGAR FROM TRADE MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE STAFF; HASSAN KARTADJUMENA OF UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA (ASSISTANT TO SUHARDI) AMBASSADORS ISMAIL TAIB FROM GENEVA AND JUSUF RAMLI FROM TOKYO. MINISTER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO BANGKOK BY DRS. SISMAN, DR. SUMARDI RUKSOPUTANTO, HEAD OF MINISTRY'S FOREIGN TRADE STAFF, DARUS AND SIREGAR OF HIS STAFF, AND SUTADI FROM INDONESIAN EMBASSY BRUSSELS.
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